NOTICE OF PROPOSED WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT FOR STATE ROUTE 200 - SADDLE ROAD, PTA-1 SECTION (MP28-42±) PHASE 2 & PHASE 3, HAMAKUA DISTRICT (BETWEEN MAUNA LOA AND MAUNA KEA), ISLAND OF HAWAII, HAWAII

NPDES PERMIT NO. HI S000031

04-CW-PW-29

October 22, 2004

The State Department of Health (DOH), tentatively proposes to issue a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to discharge storm water runoff from the State Route 200 - Saddle Road, PTA-1 Section (MP28-42±) Phase 2 & Phase 3 ("Project") to receiving State waters, subject to special conditions to:

CENTRAL FEDERAL LANDS HIGHWAY DIVISION FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

The proposed draft permit will expire midnight five (5) years from the date of issuance.

The proposed Project is a 13-mile segment running through and around the Pohakuloa Trainning Area which starts at milepost 42 of the Saddle Road, and extends to milepost 28. The scope of work includes earthwork, drainage construction, signing and stripping, and all other pertinent work necessary to complete the roadway.

Storm water run-off associated with construction activities from the Project is permitted to discharge to the receiving State waters after implementation of Best Management Practices. The discharge may enter the un-named ephemeral (intermittent) streams, through the outfalls and coordinates, as noted in the draft permit available at the DOH offices and on the internet at the address' noted below.

The receiving waters are classified by the DOH as Class 1, and Class 2, Inland Waters. The objective of Class 1 waters is to remain in their natural state as nearly as possible with an absolute minimum of pollution from any human-caused source. The uses to be protected are all uses compatible with the protection of the ecosystems associated with waters of this class. The objective of Class 2 waters is to protect their use for recreational purposes, the support and propagation of aquatic life, agricultural and industrial water supplies, shipping, and navigation. The uses to be protected in this class of waters are all uses compatible with the protection and propagation of fish, shellfish, and wildlife, and with recreation in and on these waters. These waters shall not act as receiving waters for any discharge which has not received the best degree of treatment or control compatible with the criteria established for this class.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed NPDES permit or to request a public hearing, should submit their comments or requests in writing no later than 30 days after the date of this notice, either in person or by mail, to:

Office Address:

Clean Water Branch Environmental Management Division Department of Health 919 Ala Moana Boulevard Room 301 Honolulu, HI 96814-4920

Mailing Address:

Clean Water Branch Environmental Management Division Department of Health P.O. Box 3378 Honolulu, HI 96801-3378

Copies of the proposed draft permit, and other information are available for public inspection, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) from 7:45 a.m. until 4:15 p.m., at the DOH office address shown above, and Hawaii District Health Offices, 1582 Kamehameha Avenue, Hilo, HI 96720, and Keakealani Building, 79-1020 Haukapila Street, Room 109, Kealakekua, HI 96750. Copies may be bought. The draft permit and fact sheet are also available on the internet at http://www.state.hi.us/doh/eh/cwb/pubntcs/index.html. For more information or if you have special needs due to disability that will aid you in inspecting and/or commenting on the draft permit and related information, please contact Mr. Alec Wong, Supervisor of the Engineering Section, Clean Water Branch, at the above address or (808) 586-4309 (Voice) at least seven (7) days before the comment deadline. For those who use a TTY/TDD, please call through Verizon-Hawaii Telephone Relay Service, at 1-711 or (808) 643-8822.

All comments and requests received on time will be considered. If DOH determines that there is significant public interest, a public hearing may be held after at least 30 days of public notice.

If DOH's position is substantially unchanged after considering all timely written comments and all oral comments at any public hearing that may be held, then the DOH will issue the NPDES permit and this action will be final.

Please notify anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

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